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Will Survey Townsite Parker

Lots in the New Townsite Will be Sold at Public Auction and the Amount to One Person Will be Limited.

W. O. Stover of Washington, D. C., examiner of government surveys, arrived in the city this morning on his way to Parker, Ariz., where he will survey the townsite, including about 980 acres, which will in a short time be thrown open to the public. Mr. Stover was a visitor at the surveyor general's office this morning, and goes to Parker tomorrow.

It will take about six weeks to make the survey of the Parker townsite, according to the statement of Mr. Stover, following which he will work upon his field notes, make a plat, and report to Washington. There the plats will be made out, approved, and the usual red-tape proceedings disposed of preliminary to the opening of the tract.

After thirty days' publication, the lots will be sold at public auction from one of the government land offices, probably at Phoenix, though this is not definitely known. No lot will be sold for less than \$10, and no one party or company can purchase the entire tract or any considerable part thereof. The conditions under which it will be sold will be announced with the official notice of the sale.—Phoenix Gazette.

The ball game between the married men and the happy men was won by the married men by the score of 16 to 6. The grandstand was crowded with pretty girls. Dr. Hess, James Scorse and June Gibbons were the stars of the first magnitude. The spectators were decidedly impartial with their applause. When a player pulled off some brilliant and dazzling play, such as hitting the ball or stopping a grounder before it stopped of its own accord, he was cheered most heartily. Umpires were Lathrop, Smith and Crouse. Just as soon as an umpire was killed or crippled he was dragged from the field and a new man put in his place. Each side wore out all their pitchers and Brownell stopped a "hot one" with his head.

Mr. H. Knight, foreman of the long H cattle ranch came to Holbrook the latter part of the week on business.

As Bradstreet's Sees 1909

It would of course, be unwise to say that the outlook is entirely clear. There are problems to be met and solved before American trade and industry are fully restored to the normal.

Among the problems affecting the future are the excessive cost of conducting trade, tariff revision, demand for stocks, and changes in underlaying financial and business conditions.

All things considered, the country really is and, what is equally important, really feels in far better shape than a year ago, and this gain is optimistic sentiment, with the knowledge that we have been partially spared one of the worst effects of previous great panics—long continued and acute depression, with the consequent sacrifice of business life and slaughter of capital—is in itself a great gain for trade confidence. There is a sense of deep relief that the community has passed so safely through a great crisis, and it is with a feeling of chastened and yet cheerful conservatism that the business world looks forward to the year 1909 with a fair degree of confidence, but with little expectation of a boom.

An Arizona Pompeii.

Excavations at the Casa Grande ruins in Pinal county reveal strange attractions. An American Pompeii is gradually being brought to light, according to the annual report of Charles B. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. Under a special congressional appropriation the work of excavating this pre-historic buried city has been conducted by Dr. J. Walter Foukes.

Already a number of structures have been discovered, but the largest one excavated during the year was a building 200 feet long, with 11 rooms, the massive walls inclosing a plaza. In the central room there is a seat called by the Pima Indians "the seat of Montezuma." The ruins at Casa Grande were found to be very much more extensive than was anticipated, and it is stated that their permanent preservation is of great archeological interest.—Williams News.

Captain and Mrs. Warren came in from the Headquarters ranch Sunday to do a little shopping.

Predicts Posponement of Statehood Bill

Washington, Jan. 8.—It is being hinted that separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico must go over until the Sixty-first congress, at the consideration of the general appropriation bills and other absolutely necessary legislation requires all the time between now and March 4th.

Representative Watson, of Indiana, a member of the committee on territories, is reported as open to action on state at this session.

Mr. J. H. Heeps of Apache County passed through Holbrook Sunday on his way to Los Angeles. The little son of Mr. Heeps while playing had the misfortune to have a knife blade run into his eye. It is the hope of saving the sight of the injured eye that the boy is being taken so far away for treatment.

At the first meeting of the new Board of Supervisors the hold-over member, Mr. Q. R. Gardner, was elected chairman. The board then appointed Dr. Sampson, Superintendent of Public Health. Of the several applicants for County Assessor Wesley Jones was chosen and W. A. Parr was made deputy. The board finished all business in three days and adjourned.

Word comes from St. Johns that a four-year-old grandchild of Alfred Ruiz was burned to death Saturday afternoon. It seems that all the family were away except an aged grandmother and the little boy approached to near the fire and his clothing became ignited resulting in a painful death.

A month ago the President had Congress on his hands. Now he has Congress on his neck. This state of affairs is liable to retard the admission of Arizona and New Mexico.

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